Survey on adulteration of food Stuff Stuff

@1093. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the recent survey conducted by the Consumers Guidance Society of India, adulteration of food stuff including tea, groundnut oil mirchi powder etc. is being done on a large scale in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Goverment have taken or propose to take to punish the traders resorting to adulteration of food stuff.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any such survey. The available information does not indicate any increase in the extent of adulteration of food stuffs in the country. The State/ Union Territory Governments have been advised to strengthen the Prevention of Food Adulteration Enforcement machinery for better implementation of the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. The persons found guilty of manufacturing/storing or selling adulterated food stuffs for human consumption are punished by courts under the law.

Sanskrit knowing persons

1094. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of Sanskrit knowing persons in each State and Union Territory in the country; and

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(b) estimated number of similar persons in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The programmes of teaching Sanskrit are being implemented by universities, Kendriya Sanskrit Vidya Peethas, Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshalas, State Governments and Voluntary Organisations. As these programmes are implemented by different agencies, this Department does not collect information about the number of persons knowing Sanskrit in different States/Union Territories and in Foreign Countries.

Preservation of Ancient Sanskrit manuscripts

1095. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Sanskrit manu, scripts printed or filmed by Govem-ment till date in order to preserve them;

(b) the names and places in various States and Union Territories where such facilities are in operation and being aided by Government and work done by each one of them so far; and

(c) the number of manuscripts estimated to be so filmed/printed during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 63 manuscripts in Sanskrit have been printed and 21 microfilmed by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan and its various Vidya Peethas so far. In addition,